



CITY OF SEQUIM *News*



February 2017

Meeting Dates & Locations

The meetings are held at the Civic Center located at 152 W. Cedar Street.

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| City Council Regular Meeting Council Chambers | 2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m. |
| City Council Work Session Council Chambers (when required) | 2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m. |
| Planning Commission Council Chambers | 1st & 3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m. |
| Parks, Arbor, and Recreation Board Community Conf. Room | 1st Monday 6:30 p.m. |
| Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Community Conf. Room | Quarterly—Next Meeting March 10—10:00 a.m. |
| Arts Advisory Commission Community Conf. Room | 3rd Monday 3:00 p.m. |

Applicants Needed for City Commissions

The Sequim City Council is seeking applicants to fill positions on the Sequim Planning Commission and the City Arts Advisory Commission. Both must be filled with residents that live inside the City limits.

Applications are available at the Civic Center, 152 W. Cedar Street, and on the City website www.sequimwa.gov. Please contact City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at (360) 681-3428 or kkuznek@sequimwa.gov for more information.

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UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING

February 27—1) Ordinance Updating Stormwater



City Offices will be Closed on Monday, February 20 for Presidents' Day.

Welcome New Employees!

Dave Nakagawara—Public Works Project Engineer (Temporary) 1/3

Clint Woods—IT Manager 1/4

Jon Watson—Public Works Project Engineer (Temporary) 1/9

Jessica Dulin—DCD Specialist 1/17

No Coffee with the Mayor in February

The Coffee with the Mayor program will resume in March.

Community Garden Plots Available

The City of Sequim and Friends of the Field are reserving ground garden plots for the Community Organic Gardens of Sequim for 2017. The fee per bed is \$45.00



per calendar year. The gardening season runs from March through October. Plots are available at two different gardens: one is located on Fir Street behind St. Luke's Episcopal Church and one is located at the June Robinson Memorial Park on the corner of Spruce Street and Sunnyside Avenue. In addition to working their own plots, all participants are asked to put in 4 hours of community gardening. Contact Liz Harper at 683-7698 to reserve space at the Fir Street garden, or the City of Sequim at 683-4139 for the June Robinson Memorial Park garden plots. COGIS gardeners are encouraged to attend an Organic Gardening workshop on March 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sequim Transit Center, 190 W. Cedar Street.

In the Gallery

Fused, Fired, and Stained...All Things Glass is on exhibit in the Civic Center Lobby through March 31.
The Civic Center is open Monday—Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Water Saving Tip of the Month

In the bathroom—CHECK FOR TOILET LEAKS



Once a year, check for toilet leaks. Remove the toilet tank cover and drip 10 drops of food coloring into the tank. After 15 minutes, check for color in the toilet bowl. If you see any color, your toilet has a leak and should be repaired immediately. Remember to check your flapper periodically to make sure it's a tight fit.

Musicians and Sponsors Needed

The City of Sequim is now accepting applications for performers for the following:

- 2017 season of **Music in the Park**, held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., June 27 through August 29 at the James Center for the Performing Arts located at Carrie Blake Community Park.
- **Music on the Plaza** taking place June through September at the Civic Center Plaza located at 152 W. Cedar Street.
- Performances that include a pianist for the month of July during the **Keying Around** program.



Applications are available on the City website www.sequimwa.gov and should be sent to the City Clerk, 152 W. Cedar Street, Sequim, WA 98382. If you have questions, please contact the City Clerk at 683-4139. Deadline is May 1, 2017.

Sponsorships Needed

These music programs rely heavily on the generosity of community sponsorships. Please contact the City Clerk's office for information on the promotional opportunities for businesses and the levels of sponsorships available.

City Manager Weekly Reports Now Available on the City Website

Each week City Manager Charlie Bush provides an update to the City Council regarding staff progress on Council goals, projects, and issues or concerns that have come to the City's attention. These updates are now posted on the City website <http://www.sequimwa.gov>.

Practice Electric Portable Space Heater Safety

Cold weather brings a chill into our homes and offices. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or to heat one room. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips:



- ♦ Purchase a heater that is LISTED by a qualified testing laboratory, e.g., ETL or UL.
- ♦ Keep the heater a minimum of 3 feet away from anything that can burn, including people & pets.
- ♦ Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- ♦ Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- ♦ Make sure the heater has auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- ♦ Keep the space heater out of the way of foot traffic. Do not block exits.
- ♦ Keep children away from the space heater.
- ♦ Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- ♦ Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

New Faces in City Parks in February

The City of Sequim will welcome a crew from the Urban Forestry Restoration Project, through a grant administered by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Urban and Community Forestry Program, to assist in City parks January 30 through February 23, 2017. The Puget SoundCorps team will remove non-native invasive plants, re-vegetate with native plants, and apply mulch at Carrie Blake Community Park, Gerhardt Park, on the Gebhardt Zwicker Trail, and along Bell Creek. The six-member crew will work Monday through Thursday.

Please contact the Sequim Public Works Department at (360) 683-4908 with questions.

Two Trees to be Removed at Carrie Blake Community Park

The City will be removing two diseased black cottonwood trees at Carrie Blake Community Park in February. The two trees are on the north side of the dog park. The trees have grown together at the base creating a 6 to 7 foot wide trunk. The larger tree has significant visible rot at the base.

Certified Arborist Gordon Clark has reviewed the trees, and while he feels they are not an extreme hazard, he recommends that they be removed due to their close proximity to areas where people and pets gather. According to his report, black cottonwood trees (*Populus trichocarpa*) are a relatively short lived species.

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